

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Examiner's Amendment

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Catherine Doyle on July 10, 2009.

In the Claims:

Claim 20 has been canceled.

Reasons for Allowance

The present claims are directed to treating Down Syndrome through the administration of active agents such as phenserine, (+)-9-N-phenylcarbinol esroline and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

The Examiner's search of the appropriate data bases, (see EAST notes in file) and Applicant's cited references on their Information Disclosure Statements, (attached hereto), neither teach or suggest the presently claimed subject matter, although the active agents may appear in one or more of the cited documents.

Accordingly, with the cancellation of claim 20, claims 1-10 stand in condition for allowance.

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